

MAGISTRATE JUDGES' WORKLOAD

In addition to numerous duties and responsibilities, the two magistrate judges are also assigned approximately 30% of all Southern civil cases for all purposes, including trial and the entry of judgment, under the Magistrate Judge Opt-Out Program. During 1999, there were many “across the board” workload increases for the magistrate judges, as reflected by the following statistics. The magistrate judges also conducted settlement conferences last year with over a 60% success ratio.

A. Magistrate Judge Williams' Workload Total dispositions involving petty offenses increased 22% during 1999. Criminal duties under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) rose 6% overall with the most significant increases involving initial appearances, search warrants, arrest warrants, attorney appointment hearings and grand jury sessions. In connection with § 636(b) duties (felonies), the number of probation /supervised release hearings went up 35%. With respect to the civil workload, there was a 5% increase involving civil consent cases and a 4% increase of additional civil duties under § 636(b).

B. Magistrate Judge Boyle's Workload Criminal duties under § 636(a) rose 10% due primarily to the 42% increase in detention hearings. In addition, probation /supervised release hearings went up 9% while the items collectively grouped as “other” in this category jumped 144%. On the civil side, under additional § 636(b) duties, the number of settlement conferences conducted during 1999 increased 31%. Likewise, contested non-dispositive motions rose 18% while dispositive motions were up 10%. Naturalization proceedings increased by 17%.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Civil Workload
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31
Magistrate Judge Williams

	1997	% Change	1998	% Change	1999
PRISONER CASES					
State Habeas	14	-43%	8	-100%	0
Federal Habeas	4	50%	6	-83%	1
Civil Rights	65	-62%	25	-92%	2
TOTAL	83	-53%	39	-92%	3
ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)					
Non-Dispositive Motions - Contested	106	-11%	94	-4%	90
Non-Dispositive Motions - Uncontested	65	26%	82	41%	116
Dispositive Motions	61	-36%	39	87%	73
Evidentiary Hearings	2	0%	2	-100%	0
Fee Applications	4	-50%	2	200%	6
Social Security Appeals	18	11%	20	-60%	8
Settlement Conferences	10	-20%	8	13%	9
Naturalization Proceedings	10	0%	10	-40%	6
Status Conferences	4	150%	10	-40%	6
Pretrial Conferences	1	500%	6	50%	9
Motion Hearings /Arguments	54	28%	69	-14%	59
Other	21	152%	53	-49%	27
TOTAL	356	11%	395	4%	409
CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)					
Without Trial	35	14%	40	-5%	38
Jury Trial	3	-67%	1	400%	5
Non-Jury Trial	1	100%	2	0%	2
Total Case Terminations	39	10%	43	5%	45
SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION					
Non-Dispositive Motions - Contested	152	-60%	61	10%	67
Non-Dispositive Motions - Uncontested	104	-4%	100	-32%	68
Dispositive Motions	73	10%	80	-28%	58
Pre-Trial Conferences	56	-23%	43	84%	79
Other	116	-36%	74	35%	100
TOTAL	501	-29%	358	4%	372

U.S. Magistrate Judge Criminal Workload for the 12 Month Period Ending December 31 Magistrate Judge Williams						
		1997	% Change	1998	% Change	1999
PETTY OFFENSES						
Dismissed/Acquitted	Without Trial	7	1814%	134	51%	202
	Court Trial	0	-	3	-100%	0
	Jury Trial	0	-	0	-	0
Convicted	Without Trial	8	1700%	144	4%	150
	Court Trial	2	950%	21	-33%	14
	Jury Trial	0	-	0	-	1
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS		17	1676%	302	22%	367
Non-Appearance Dismissals		9*	-100%	0*	-	0*
CVB Summonses / Notice Letters		72*	-100%	0*	-	0*
CVB Arrest Warrants		7*	-100%	0*	-	0*
CVB Citations - Collateral Forfeiture		7*	-100%	0*	-	0*
28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES						
Search Warrants		52	-37%	33	30%	43
Summonses		0	-	3	300%	12
Arrest Warrants		18	50%	27	22%	33
Initial Appearances		64	22%	78	40%	109
Attorney Appointment Hearings		63	41%	89	20%	107
Detention Hearings		16	131%	37	-24%	28
Bail Reviews /Forfeitures		0	-	0	-	0
Preliminary Exams		3	300%	12	-92%	1
Arraignments		30	13%	34	-91%	3
Grand Jury Sessions		6	83%	11	36%	15
Other		36	-14%	31	-19%	25
TOTAL		288	23%	355	6%	376
§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)						
Non-Dispositive Motions - Contested		4	50%	6	-67%	2
Non-Dispositive Motions - Uncontested		14	-50%	7	-29%	5
Dispositive Motions		14	57%	22	-27%	16
Evidentiary Hearings		0	-	0	-	0
Probation/Supervised Release Hearings		3	567%	20	35%	27
Other		10	190%	29	3%	30

* Through 6/97. (Beginning 7/ 97 CVB information was no longer reported on JS-43 form)

U.S. Magistrate Judge Civil Workload for the 12 Month Period Ending December 31 Magistrate Judge Boyle					
	1997	% Change	1998	% Change	1999
PRISONER CASES					
State Habeas	9	-100%	0	-	0
Federal Habeas	0	-	0	-	1
Civil Rights	46	-59%	19	-79%	4
TOTAL	55	-65%	19	-74%	5
ADDITIONAL CIVIL DUTIES § 636(b)					
Non-Dispositive Motions - Contested	95	20%	114	18%	135
Non-Dispositive Motions - Uncontested	104	17%	122	-16%	102
Dispositive Motions	36	8%	39	10%	43
Evidentiary Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Fee Applications	0	-	0	-	0
Social Security Appeals	5	180%	14	-50%	7
Settlement Conferences	20	-35%	13	31%	17
Naturalization Proceedings	8	-25%	6	17%	7
Status Conferences	0	-	0	-	0
Pretrial Conferences	0	-	0	-	0
Motion Hearings /Arguments	71	-27%	52	-19%	42
Other	0	-	0	-	1
TOTAL	339	6%	360	-2%	354
CIVIL CONSENT CASES § 636(c)					
Without Trial	47	0%	47	-13%	41
Jury Trial	0	-	2	-50%	1
Non-Jury Trial	1	-100%	0	-	2
Total Case Terminations	48	2%	49	-10%	44
SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL CONSENT INFORMATION					
Non-Dispositive Motions - Contested	131	23%	161	-24%	122
Non-Dispositive Motions - Uncontested	80	14%	91	-9%	83
Dispositive Motions	92	-30%	64	-13%	56
Pre-Trial Conferences	83	-12%	73	-53%	34
Other	0	-	0	-	3
TOTAL	386	1%	389	-23%	298

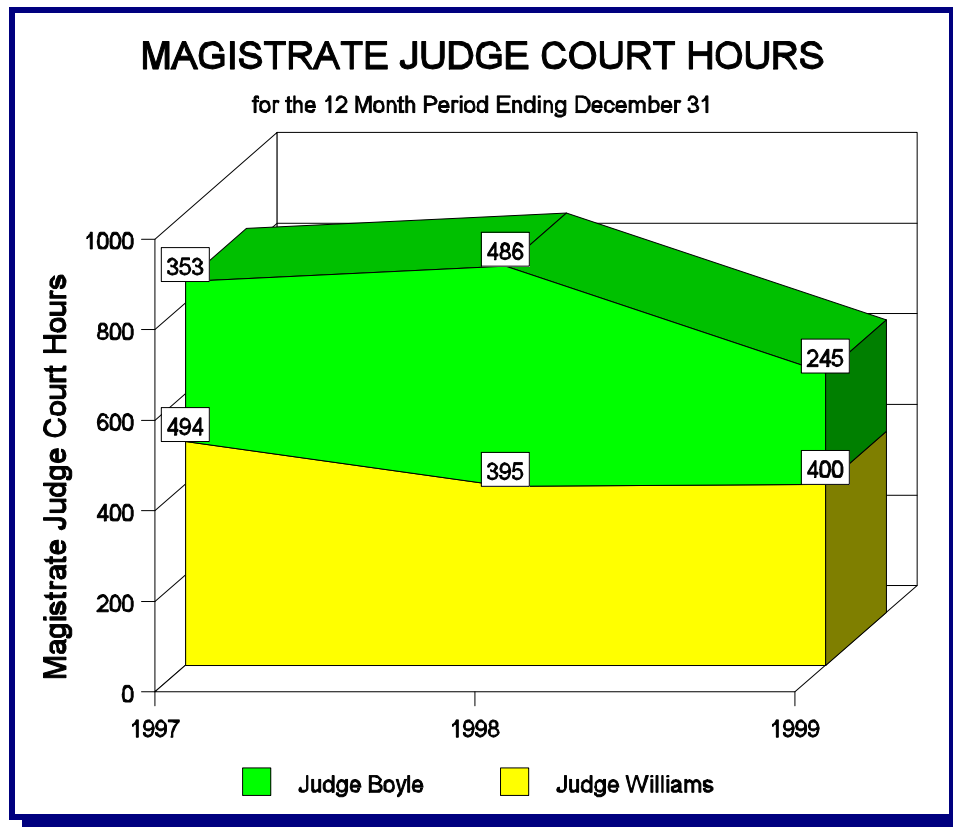
U.S. Magistrate Judge Criminal Workload
for the 12 Month Period Ending December 31
Magistrate Judge Boyle

	1997	% Change	1998	% Change	1999
PETTY OFFENSES					
Dismissed/Acquitted Without Trial	1	600%	7	386%	34
Court Trial	1	0%	1	-100%	0
Jury Trial	0	-	0	-	0
Convicted Without Trial	9	367%	42	-98%	1
Court Trial	2	100%	4	-50%	2
Jury Trial	0	-	0	-	0
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	13	315%	54	-31%	37
Non-Appearance Dismissals	5*	-100%	0*	-	0*
CVB Summonses / Notice Letters	10*	-100%	0*	-	0*
CVB Arrest Warrants	24*	-100%	0*	-	0*
CVB Citations - Collateral Forfeitures	3*	-100%	0*	-	0*
28 U.S.C. § 636(a) DUTIES					
Search Warrants	53	-55%	24	-4%	23
Summonses	0	-	0	-	0
Arrest Warrants	2	50%	3	100%	6
Initial Appearances	33	6%	35	-3%	34
Attorney Appointment Hearings	0	-	0	-	0
Detention Hearings	42	-14%	36	42%	51
Bail Reviews /Forfeitures	0	-	0	-	0
Preliminary Exams	4	-50%	2	-100%	0
Arraignments	97	3%	100	3%	103
Grand Jury Sessions	4	50%	6	33%	8
Other	0	-	0	-	2
TOTAL	235	-12%	206	10%	227
§ 636(b) DUTIES (FELONIES)					
Non-Dispositive Motions - Contested	8	0%	8	-75%	2
Non-Dispositive Motions - Uncontested	38	11%	42	-38%	26
Dispositive Motions	6	117%	13	-54%	6
Evidentiary Hearings	2	-50%	1	-100%	0
Probation/Supervised Release Hearings	15	53%	23	9%	25
Other	0	-	9	144%	22

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C. Magistrate Judge Court Hours During 1999, the number of Magistrate Judge court hours decreased by 27%. Although approximately 80% of the magistrate court proceedings took place in Boise, both Magistrate Judges routinely conducted court proceedings in Pocatello, Moscow and Coeur d'Alene.

Magistrate Judge Court Hours					
For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
Magistrate Judge	1997	% Change	1998	% Change	1999
Williams	494	-20%	395	1%	400
Boyle	353	38%	486	-50%	245
Total	847	4%	881	-27%	645



Magistrate Judge Court Hours by Location For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
	1997	% Change	1998	% Change	1999
Boise	676	-3%	658	-19%	531
Pocatello	68	0%	68	-29%	48
Moscow	79	-23%	61	-48%	32
Coeur d'Alene	24	292%	94	-64%	34
Total	847	4%	881	-27%	645

